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REMARKS

The independent claims have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 4 therein. Claim 4 has thereby been cancelled. Claim 19 has further been amended by deleting the reference to "wire supports".

The specification has been amended in accordance with some of the suggestions in the Office Action.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a). In response, Applicants have deleted the reference to "wire supports" in claim 19. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested in view of this amendment.

The disclosure has been objected to because of several informalities. Applicants have made most of the amendments suggested by the Examiner. However, with reference to changing "rolls" to --members--, and further with reference to the suggestion to change "photoconductive surface" and/or "photoconductive member" to --photoreceptor--, these amendments have not been made. Applicants do wish to be limited to an embodiment wherein the donor member is in the form of a roller. Therefore, Applicants have not used the term "donor roll" throughout the specification, and instead, have used the term "donor member" in the specification and claims to show that there are different embodiments of the donor member. In addition, Applicants do not wish to be limited to the term "photoreceptor" as an imaging member can be referred to as a photoreceptor, photoconductor, imaging member, and other terms. Applicants do not wish to be limited to use of one specific term. In addition, at paragraph 20, lines 1-2, it is correct to state that toner particles are deposited on the photoconductive surface. The toner particles are not deposited on the entire photoreceptor, which includes many layers, and are just deposited on the surface of the photoreceptor.

In view of the above arguments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure.

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Claims 1, 6, 7, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Saitoh, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants point out that the recitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, from which the rejected claims depend. Saitoh, et al. does not teach or suggest the recitations of former claim 4. Therefore, because Saitoh, et al. does not teach or suggest the recitations of claim 1, as amended, Applicants submit that the present claims are not anticipated by the reference.

In addition, Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are not rendered obvious in view of the cited reference. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art, absent some teaching or suggestion, would not have been motivated to use the ceramic in the coating in amounts as claimed. Therefore, Applicants submit that the claims are nonobvious over Saitoh, et al. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 6, 7, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Saitoh, et al.

Claims 1-3 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Aoki, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that claim 1 now includes the recitations of former claim 4. Applicants further point out that the other claims rejected also include the recitations of claim 4, as they depend from amended claim 1. Applicants submit that Aoki, et al. does not teach or suggest the amount of ceramic as claimed. Therefore, Applicants submit that the rejected claims are not anticipated by Aoki, et al.

In addition, Applicants further submit that the rejected claims are not rendered obvious in view of Aoki, et al. Applicants respectfully submit that absent some teaching or suggestion, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to use the claimed amount of ceramic in combination with metal. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejected claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Aoki, et al. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Aoki, et al.

Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Jaskowiak, et al. in view of Aoki, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

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Applicants have amended claims 19 and 20 to include the recitations of former claim 4. Claims 19 and 20 now include the recitation of a specific amount of ceramic in the coating. Applicants submit that neither reference teaches or suggests the claimed amount of ceramic. Applicants further submit that absent some teaching or suggestion, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to use the recited amount of ceramic. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejected claims are not rendered obvious in view of the combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Jaskowiak, et al. in view of Aoki, et al.

We appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 5, 8-14, and 16-18 include allowable subject matter.

In view of the above arguments and amendments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

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